

(b) and (c) The Reserve Bank of India was requested to include "minority communities" under priority sector lending in RBI's Master Circular on Lending to Priority Sector dated 3.7.2006. RBI, *vide* its letter dated 24.4.2007, has intimated that they propose to include the following at item No. (iii) under paragraph No. 2.2 of their Master Circular on Lending to Priority Sector as follows:

"(iii) loans granted to specified minority communities under (a) to (i) above will be reported separately."

Instructions have been given to public sector banks to increase the flow of credit to the minority communities. Public Sector Banks have been advised to open more branches in districts with a substantial proportion of the minority communities and the flow of credit to minorities in these districts will be specially monitored.

Conversion of Kitchen Waste into Bio-Gas

3426. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has forwarded to Government proposal of a scheme through which kitchen waste can be converted into bio-gas;

(b) if so, the response of Government thereto;

(c) by when and to what extent Government propose to implement this scheme; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Plan for generating additional renewable energy

3427. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether concerned over the rising petroleum import bill, which takes away 10 per cent of country's GDP, the Centre has chalked out an ambitious plan for generating additional one lakh megawatts of renewable energy from a mix of wind, small hydro, bio-mass and bagasse by 2031-32;

(b) whether his Ministry has sought a budgetary support of Rs. 11,084 crore for research, development and deployment of renewable energy during Eleventh Five Year Plan period;

(c) whether the renewable energy policy prepared by his ministry has been modified and will be given final shape recently; and

(d) if so, when policy is likely to be announced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) It is envisaged that by the end of 15th Plan (2032) grid-interactive renewable power capacity could reach around 80,000 MW, with a corresponding share of 5 per cent in the then electricity-mix.

(b) A budgetary support of Rs. 1500 crore has been proposed for research, design and development in new and renewable energy during the 11th Plan period.

(c) and (d) An Expert Committee on Integrated Energy Policy constituted by the Planning Commission has submitted its report (IEPR) which covers all sources of energy, including new and renewable energy. This apart, this Ministry has also formulated a draft New & Renewable Energy Policy, which is placed on its website.

Potential for development of Solar Power Energy

3428. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that North East particularly Assam has a lot of potential for development of solar power energy;